

Sunnyside News

President's Message

by Bill Wilson

There are some really special events coming up that I hope the neighborhood will support and enjoy!

On July 17, we will have a block party to celebrate the completion of the major portion of work on the **Circular Avenue Ribbon Garden**, that three-quarters-of-a-mile stretch of land that is on the freeway side of Circular Avenue. Those of you who have a backyard garden or try to keep your sidewalk weed free know that the job is never over!

We will gather for a Sunday event with free food and entertainment from 11 to 3 on Circular between Congo and Flood.

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd and other city officials will cut the ceremonial ribbon.

We really do need to take time to appreciate the work of the volunteers who have donated many hours to make that strip of land something more than the dump it was. We are asking people to bring something to share. If you would like to let us know what you are planning to bring ahead of time it would help facilitate the planning. We already have a donation of hot dogs we plan to grill; email bill.f.wilson@gmail.com.

Then on Saturday, August 13, Kate Mason has agreed to coordinate our Sunnyside

Garage Sales with a theme of Recycle-Reuse. You can help make this a successful neighborhood event by selling your stuff, finding great bargains, or taking a stroll around your block. See page 7 for more information.

Even if you can't host a sale, the day provides a great excuse for just walking around the neighborhood to meet your neighbors and find that something special you need even if you didn't know you needed, or that someone actually manufactures a little doodad that does that.

I look forward to seeing you all at these events. Have a happy summer!

**SNA
2011
Membership
Meetings**

August 1

November 7

7:00 pm

**St. Finn Barr
Church Hall**

**415 Edna
at Hearst**

SNA meets the first Monday of February, May, August and November.

Everyone is welcome. Meet your neighbors and find out what's going on in our neighborhood.

Soccer Field Slated to Open for Fall Semester

Construction of the soccer field at City College is expected to be completed by August. If you have a problem, such as noise, with the project, please contact David Liggett, CCSF Director of

Facilities Planning and Construction, 415.505.7320 cell, 415.239.3047 office, or dliggett@ccsf.edu. David wants to work with the neighbors and make sure this is a successful project.

If you have general concerns about the project or other City College issues, please contact CCSF Committee Co-Chair David Tejada, 415-585-3272.



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Phelan Bike Lanes, Police Captain Mahoney, Code Enforcement

by Rita Evans

Bike Lanes on Phelan Heading for Approval

The planning process for installing bike lanes on Phelan is moving ahead. At the February SNA meeting, James Shahamiri of SFMTA described the project and asked whether residents preferred to lose 140 parking spaces or a travel lane in order to accommodate the lanes.

Attendees voted overwhelmingly for the option to remove a travel lane, but many asked why the bike lanes weren't being routed on the new Lee Avenue extension instead of Phelan. A number of objections were raised regarding greater traffic delays on Phelan.

James explained that the bike lanes will be part of a larger traffic calming effort on Phelan. The traffic calming is intended to slow vehicular traffic and make the street safer and more inviting for pedestrians and bicyclists. Raised median islands with left-turn pockets will be installed at intersections from Ocean Avenue to Judson Avenue, and bulb-outs and raised crosswalks will make it safer to cross Phelan, an important consideration as CCSF constructs more buildings on the west side of Phelan.

Approval of the lanes was expected at SFMTA's Board meeting June 7.

Capitan Daniel Mahoney Tapped to Lead Ingleside Police Station

In June, Captain Daniel Mahoney was named captain of the Ingleside Station.

"I wish to thank my predecessor, Captain Louis Cassanego, for the outstanding job he did while assigned here. I heard many accolades from community members about him and am keenly aware that I have big shoes to fill.

"My background is diverse as well consisting of managerial assignments in Patrol, Investigations, Administration and Risk Management Operations. I am a 29-year veteran at the young age of 50 and have been previously assigned to Ingleside Station as a new Lieutenant in 2000. I am acutely aware of Ingleside's landscape, its policing challenges and its STRONG community involvement. I am very accessible and can be contacted either at the Station or through my e-mail address: daniel.j.mahoney@sfgov.org."

SNA members look forward to meeting Captain Mahoney at a future meeting.

[Thanks to Bernalwood blog, <http://bernalwood.wordpress.com/>, for this information.]

City Attorney's Office Offers Tips on Code Enforcement

Jana Clark, Deputy City Attorney, spoke at SNA's February and May membership meetings on code enforcement. She strongly encourages residents to report problems through the City's 311 service and note the reference number for the case. If the problem is not resolved, contact Jana's office with the reference number at 415-554-3968 or email jana.clark@sfgov.org. Her office is responsible for code violations including:

- Buildings – Unsafe or illegal construction, plumbing, electrical or mechanical projects; seismically unsafe buildings
- Health – Trash accumulation, illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles
- Housing – Illegal units, no heat or water, insect or rodent infestation, building disrepair
- Planning – Illegal construction, illegal auto repair and storage in homes

Upcoming Sunnyside Events—Get Involved!

Fourth of July Party

Monday, July 4
200 block of Edna
10 am to 4 pm

Join neighbors for food,
music and fun!

Sunnyside Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, August 13

See page 7
for more
information.

Sunnyside Circular Avenue Ribbon Park

Sunday, July 17
Circular Avenue
between Congo
and Flood
10am to 2pm

Join your neighbors,
City officials, and
other VIPs for the
grand opening.

Celebrate your
neighbors whose hard
work transformed a
dumping area into a
lovely, landscaped
ribbon park.

Planting Monterey Medians

Help us meet
required volunteer
hours for matching
grant

Also looking for
donations of plants,
tools, hoses, etc.

Where: Monterey,
starting at Freeway

When: Sometime in
August: watch for
more
information

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance:

10/30/11
\$4137.83

Income:
\$2870.51

Income includes
membership dues,
donations, interest,
and a grant from the
Clean City
Coalition.

Expenses:
\$2033.94

Expenses include
printing and
postage for the
newsletter and
meeting notices;
donation for use of
St. Finn Barr Hall;
Clean City Coalition
materials; SF MTA;
and the Greening
Committee.

Closing Balance:

1/30/11
\$4923.57

Ray Kutz, Treasurer



Volunteers Needed for Sunnyside Halloween Event

Looking to help make some Halloween fun happen in your neck of the woods? The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association is on the prowl for volunteers to assist in putting on an event for the whole family to enjoy! Lots of friends and smiles are to be made, and conveniently close to home.

If you can contribute even a few hours of time, we can use your help planning, setting up, providing entertainment, publicizing, or cleaning up. If you want to help make this third annual event something special, email Bill.f.Wilson@gmail.com.



Farmers Market Debuts

Supervisor Scott Wiener, District Attorney George Gascon, Sunnyside resident and Glen Park business owner Ric Lopez, Mayor Ed Lee and his wife, Anita, help cut the ribbon on May 15, the opening day of the Glen Park Farmers Market. The market will be held on Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm through October 15 in the BART parking lot on Bosworth.

Safeway Project Making Way through City Planning Process

by Daphne Powell

For the past year, Safeway has been shepherding the Monterey Blvd. store remodel project through the city environmental planning process. This process is coming to an end, since the city did not find any major objections to the project. On Monday, May 23, the SNA Safeway committee met with Natalie Mattei, the Safeway representative, to find out where the project stands, and we discussed some outstanding issues.

First, since Safeway is asking to remove part of the median strip on Monterey Blvd. to enable trucks to back into the loading dock, the city asked them to provide mitigation for this change. This mitigation may be improvements to medians on other blocks of Monterey Blvd. Neighbors are also concerned about the safety of pedestrians at the Foerster and Monterey intersection, so mitigation may also address traffic calming efforts at this intersection.

Second, since the project currently has a three-lane driveway leading to/from the rooftop parking that is wider than city code allows, the city asked Safeway to narrow the driveway. Safeway feels, however, that a two-lane driveway will cause more congestion and be more dangerous, and will apply for a variance for the wider driveway. We discussed various measures to alert cars and pedestrians to the wide driveway including flashing lighted signs, beeping alerts, special painted pavement and pavers.

Neighbors are also concerned about store hours and do not want the store to operate 24 hours. Natalie said that Safeway will apply for permission to operate 24 hours although they will agree to operate at the current hours under the conditions of approval of the permit.

The SNA Safeway committee will meet over the summer to prioritize any remaining areas of concern and draft a letter on behalf of the neighborhood to the planning commission about the project. Natalie expects that the project will be reviewed by the planning commission in October or November 2011, at which time the neighborhood will have a final opportunity for comment. Construction is expected to begin in January 2012 and last 10-12 months, during which time the store will be closed.

Parking Restrictions on Circular a Matter for Debate

Circular Avenue between Baden and Judson offers something rare in SF –parking in the evening and on weekends. That, along with lax enforcement of parking regulations, has at times resulted in junk vehicles and pickup trucks full of rubbish routinely parking in this area.

A concerned neighbor gathered signatures on a petition to restrict overnight parking and parking of over-height vehicles and the matter was the subject of a public hearing. At the hearing, and at SNA's May meeting, it became apparent that there's a difference of opinion about the proposed restrictions. Here are comments from those opposed to, and in favor of, the restrictions:

Statement in Opposition to Proposed Parking Restrictions

Our door-to-door canvass of neighbors resulted in unanimous opposition to the proposed loss of overnight parking on the east side of Circular, and surprise that this was being considered. The neighbors we spoke to saw the main problems as illegal refuse dumping and a few people who store large, unused vehicles that only move for street cleaning.

For some who work nights, parking on Circular is the only safe option. This ban will force more vehicles onto the already crowded adjacent streets and won't stop the dumping. Working together, we neighbors can brainstorm alternative solutions like better signage and street lighting, law enforcement and surveillance.

- David Beaulieu, Vicki Engel, Dan Gunning and Melissa Jaquish

Statement in Favor of Proposed Parking Restrictions

There is a social theory known as the "broken window theory" which states that by replacing broken windows quickly, it discourages future acts of vandalism. This theory holds true for other acts such picking up litter on a regular basis or weeding overgrown lots.

As residents of Sunnyside are aware, there has been a dedicated group who over the past year has cleaned up Circular Ave. Previously, Circular Ave was a dumping ground for trash: mattresses tire, etc. No longer are there the daily calls to 311 to report illegal dumping. The simple act of cleaning up this median has had positive effect for our neighborhood.

However, the residents of Sunnyside are not realizing the full benefits of the "broken window theory" because of the oversized and dilapidated vehicles that inhabit Circular Ave. I support some form of parking restriction along Circular Ave. to clean up this last remaining bit of blight.

- Paul Mason

Rather than approving or disapproving the restrictions, SFMTA has asked SNA to form a committee to work with the city to find a solution acceptable to all parties. Several people volunteered at the May SNA membership meeting; contact SNA President Bill Wilson, bill.f.wilson@gmail.com, by July 20 if you're interested.

Caltrans Offers Safety Training on June 20 for Freeway Clean-up Day

If you want to help clean up the inside of I-280 along Circular Drive, set aside Monday, June 20, 8:00-9:00 a.m. for safety training with Caltrans at 110 Rickard St., San Francisco (off San Bruno Ave. near Alemany interchange). Only individuals who receive this brief safety training will be allowed access to the freeway during scheduled cleaning times.

Please email bill.f.wilson@gmail.com or patmoore695@comcast.net if you can attend or if you are interested in attending a training session at a different time. Training sessions are available to groups only, 7:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday; we will need several people to express interest in order to schedule a session in addition to the one on June 20.

The Sunnyside of Life

Life on the Sunny Side

by Vicki Engel

In 1987 we came to San Francisco from Michigan to live closer to my husband's parents. We drove around the city on several reconnaissance missions—where should we live? Then we discovered Glen Park, a quaint village with homes dotting the hillside that had a BART station.

We found a one-bedroom cottage nestled behind another house on Staples Avenue, walking distance to Glen Park. No one we knew had ever heard of our neighborhood, but it was love at first sight. In what was no more than a sandbox, we planted a prolific garden and grew tomatoes so big they broke the vines. Our two cats were safely away from the street in our garden oasis.

We woke up to the song of a nearby rooster, and planted fragrant Cecile Brunner climbing roses and a Meyer lemon tree. Our next door neighbor Taylor, a retired MUNI driver, liked to sit in his station wagon and listen to the radio. More than once he rang the doorbell to remind us that it was street cleaning day and time to move our car. Eight years later, we moved from the cottage to the house in front.



Around the same time, Taylor moved out and a younger man moved in. In our new house, the electric baseboard heaters were costing a fortune and we were freezing. Our new neighbor installed a furnace in our house, and when our hot water heater gave out, he put in a new one, only allowing us to pay for the materials. In the summer of 2009, working with this same good neighbor, we took fifteen feral cats to the SPCA spay-neuter clinic, stemming an out-of-control population.

Three generations of the same family has lived across the street from us. Many neighbors remember Jean, who could be seen walking these blocks with her dogs and feeding the birds. One day she told us that her grandson was going to be in a play at Riordan High, so we went to see it. That grandson and his wife now share the family home. Over the last decade, we have made a dear friend in our neighbor who lives behind us on Flood, and we help each other out as we can, as neighbors often will. Another neighbor who volunteers at a community center kitchen from time to time leaves surprise gifts of produce on our porch, and one year around the holidays gave us the best homemade biscotti I've ever tasted.

As I stroll around these streets, I see artfully designed, lovingly tended gardens, many planted with California natives, fronting cozy-looking homes. The beauty around us is also evident in the kindness that people extend to one another. We've made good friends in this place that has become near and dear to our hearts. I am happy to be amongst those who live in a neighborhood that some may have not heard of, but that many have come to call home.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle — Get Ready for the Sunnyside Garage Sale

Please join us in participating in the Sunnyside Neighborhood Garage Sale!

It's time for spring cleaning. Do you have some things you no longer treasure but others might? Be green, clean out your garage, sell some stuff, meet your neighbors, and have some fun.

When: Saturday, August 13, 9:00-12:00

Where: Sunnyside Neighborhood

Want to join in the fun and participate in the Sunnyside Neighborhood Garage Sale? If so, please email Katemason24@gmail.com with the following information:

- Your name
- The block of your street address where your garage sale will be held
- Your email address (to be used only to email you the full list of locations participating in the garage sale in case you want to make additional copies to hand out during the garage sale to help spread the word of other locations in the neighborhood where the garages will be held)
- Any key words on items you will be selling e.g. Books, Furniture, Cooking gadgets

A list of all the blocks where garage sales will be held will be distributed at SNA's August 1 membership meeting.

SNA Annual Membership Dues

Dues are \$15/year for households, \$25/year for businesses.
Make checks payable to SNA and send to SNA, PO Box 27615, SF, CA 94127

Name (please print) _____

Street/City _____ Zip _____

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